

**A proclamation concernynge apparayle, mayntenaunce of archery, punishmente of beggers, and vnlawfull games.**



Where amongst many good and holsome lawes and statutes of this realme, there is made and ordeyned one statute for mayntenaunce of Archery, a sondry statutes for represse and reformation of playenge at Dyle, Cardes, Tennis, bowlyng, and other vnlawful games: A statute made for reformation of apparrell and rayment, And a nother statute made for punishment and orderinge of sturdy beggers. All whiche statutes as well by obstynacy and wyllfulnes of the subiectes of this realme, as also by negligence and affection of the kynges Justices of peace, and other ministers, that haue power to put them in due execution, haue not ben obserued and kept, but neglected and contemned: to the great discontentation and displeasure of the kynges hyghnes, and to the great hurte of the common weale of this his realme. The kynges maiestie therefore by the aduise of his lordes spiritual and tempoꝛall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, depely ponderynge & considering, that the sayd statutes greatly tende to the aduancement of the common weale and surety of this his realme, and to the great commodite of his louing subiectis of the same, both straitly charge & commande al & singuler his subiectes, of what estate degree or condicion so euer he or they be, that they and euery of them from the feaste of the Annunciation of our lady next commynge do kepe and obserue the statute of apparrell in suche manner forme and condicion, as in the same statute particularly is cōtēned and expessed. And shall also from henceforth kepe and obserue all the other statutes, made for or concernynge mayntenaunce of archery, punishment of beggars, & reformation and abuse of vnlawful games, and put al & euery of the same statutes aboue said in due & pertyl execution, accordyng to their tenours purpōtes and effectes, vpon the paynes & losses of the forsaithures limited in euery of the said statutes, which paynes and forsaithures the kynges hyghnes wyl not hereafter at any tyme remytte pardon nor forgyue to any of the offenders in any of the sayde statutes, but entendeth to take the same paynes and forsaithures accordynge to his lawes frome tyme to tyme, as the case shall requyre in that behalfe. And ouer this his hyghnes straitly chargeth and commaundeth as wel his lordes spiritual and tempoꝛal, as also all Justices of peace, Barres, Shireffes, Baylives, and al other ministers & officers what so euer they be, that they & euery of them, within their auctorities, as wel within liberties as without, without fauour affectiō or corruption shal put theyr effectuell endeour & diligence for the due obseruation & execution of the sayd statutes and euery of them, & specially euery of the sayd lordes, and all other householders amongst theyr owne families and household seruantes, as they and euery of them and all other his louinge subiectes, wyl haue his most gracious fauour and thanks, and auoide the penalties lymitted by the sayde statutes and his moste dredfull indignation and displeasure, and wylle answer to his maiesty for contempnyng his lawes and this his gracye proclamation, at theyr bittermost perilles.

**GOD SAVE THE KYNGE.**